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MINNESOTA CORN, SOYBEANS, SUGARBEETS, DRY BEAN PRODUCTION DOWN FROM 2010

CORN production for Minnesota is forecast at 1.26 billion bushels, down 2 percent from last year, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Minnesota Field Office. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 165 bushels per acre, unchanged from the September 1 forecast, but down 12 bushels from last year. Planted acres are estimated at 8.10 million, an increase of 400 thousand acres from last year. Acres to be harvested for grain, at 7.65 million, are up 5 percent from last year. If realized this will be the second largest harvested area behind 2007.

SOYBEAN production is forecast at 287 million bushels, down 1 percent from last month's forecast, and down 13 percent from last year. Soybean yield is forecast at 41 bushels per acre, unchanged from the September 1 forecast, but down 4 bushels from 2010. Soybean planted acres are estimated to be 7.10 million acres, down 100 thousand acres from the June Acreage report, and down 300 thousand acres from last year. Acres for harvest, at 7.01 million, are down 100 thousand acres from last month, and down 300 thousand acres from last year.

The **SUGARBEET** crop is forecast at 9.47 million tons, down 19 percent from 2010. While planted acres of 485 thousand are up 8 percent over last year, harvested acres of 462 thousand are up only 5 percent over last year. Yield is forecast at 20.5 tons per acre, down 6.1 tons per acre from last year's record yield of 26.6 tons per acre.

DRY BEAN production is estimated at 2.26 million hundredweight, down 26 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 1,740 pounds per acre, compared to 1,750 pounds per acre a year ago. Planted acres are estimated at 140 thousand acres, down 45 thousand acres from last year. Harvested acres are 130 thousand, down 45 thousand acres from last year.

ALL SUNFLOWER production is forecast at 47.8 million pounds, down 59 percent from 2010. Yield is forecast at 1,257 pounds per acre compared to 1,424 pounds per acre in 2010. Planted area is estimated to be 40 thousand acres. Harvested area is estimated to be 38 thousand acres, down 54 percent from last year. If realized this will be the lowest harvested area on record.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

CORN production is forecast at 12.4 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the September forecast and down slightly from the 2010 production estimate. If realized, this will be the fourth largest production total on record for the United States. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 148.1 bushels per acre, unchanged from the September forecast but down 4.7 bushels from 2010. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield since 2005. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 83.9 million acres, down 1 percent from the September forecast. Acreage updates were made in several States based on administrative data.

SOYBEAN production is forecast at 3.06 billion bushels, down 1 percent from September and down 8 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.5 bushels per acre, down 0.3 bushel from last month and down 2 bushels from last year. If realized, the average yield will be the second lowest since 2003. Area for harvest is forecast at 73.7 million acres, down slightly from September and down 4 percent from 2010.

MINNESOTA & U.S. 2010 PLANTED ACRES, HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION AND FORECASTED OCTOBER 1, 2011

COMMODITY	2010 PLANTED ACRES (000)	2011 PLANTED ACRES (000)	2010 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2011 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2010 YIELD	2011 YIELD	2010 PRODUCTION (000)	2011 PRODUCTION (000)
MINNESOTA								
CORN (Bu)	7,700	8,100	7,300	7,650	177	165	1,292,100	1,262,250
SOYBEANS (Bu)	7,400	7,100	7,310	7,010	45	41	328,950	287,410
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	449	485	441	462	26.6	20.5	11,731	9,471
DRY BEANS 1/	185	140	175	130	1,750	1,740	3,062	2,262
SUNFLOWERS (Lb)	88	40	82	38	1,424	1,257	116,800	47,750
CANOLA (Lb)	46	29	45	28	1,530	1,320	68,850	36,960
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	--	--	1,100	1,100	3.60	3.70	3,960	4,070
OTHER HAY (Ton)	--	--	800	700	1.80	1.90	1,440	1,330
UNITED STATES								
CORN (Bu)	88,192	91,897	81,446	83,936	152.8	148.1	12,446,865	12,432,910
SOYBEANS (Bu)	77,404	74,966	76,610	73,676	43.5	41.5	3,329,181	3,059,987
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	1,171.4	1,249.6	1,155.7	1,207.6	27.6	24.2	31,901	29,180
DRY BEANS 1/	1,911.4	1,198.7	1,842.7	1,123.7	1,726	1,744	31,801	19,593
SUNFLOWERS (Lb)	1,951.5	1,544.0	1,873.8	1,473.0	1,460	1,420	2,735,570	2,091,000
CANOLA (Lb)	1,448.8	1,071.0	1,431.0	1,050.0	1,713	1,459	2,450,947	1,532,165
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	--	--	19,956	19,329	3.40	3.35	67,903	64,714
OTHER HAY (Ton)	--	--	39,906	38,276	1.95	1.75	77,653	66,980

1/ Yield in lb; production in cwt.